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- 1. ZAMBIA/ZAIRE JOINT COMMISSION BEGAN TALKS IN LUSAKA JANUARY 9. ZAIRIAN DELEGATION IS LED BY COMMISSIONER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS LUTETE AND THE ZAMBIAN ONE BY FOREIGN MINISTER MWALE. ONE LOCAL NEWSPAPER REPORTED JANUARY 9 THAT MOBUTU WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE TALKS (REFTEL) AND THE OTHER, CORRECTLY, THAT LUTETE WOULD DO THE HONORS.
- 2. ZAMBIAN/ZAIRIAN TALKS ARE BEING TOUTED AS HIGH LEVEL EFFORT TO RESOLVE BORDER PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IN ADDITION TO LUTETE, ZAIRIAN STATE COMMISSIONERS FOR FINANCE AND COMMERCE ARE ATTENDING ALONG WITH THEIR ZAMBIAN COUNTERPARTS. MAIN FOCUS OF FIRST DAYS DISCUSSION WAS THE PERRENIAL QUESTION OF THE PEDICLE. ZAMBIANS TRAVELING FROM WESTERN TO LUAPULA PROVINCE VIA THE PEDICLE ARE REGULARLY THE OBJECT OF PETTY EXTORTION. ONE OF THE LATEST VICTIMS, WHOSE CASE RECEIVED WIDE PUBLICITY, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WAS THE ZAMBIAN MINISTER OF INFORMATION. PAST EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE PEDICLE PROBLEM, WHICH IS BASICALLY ONE OF LACK OF GOZ CONTROL IN FAR AREAS OF ZAIRE, HAVE NOT BEEN FRUITFUL. CLINGERMAN

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